

228 French Street (House)  
Wilmington  
New Castle County  
Delaware

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PHOTOGRAPHS

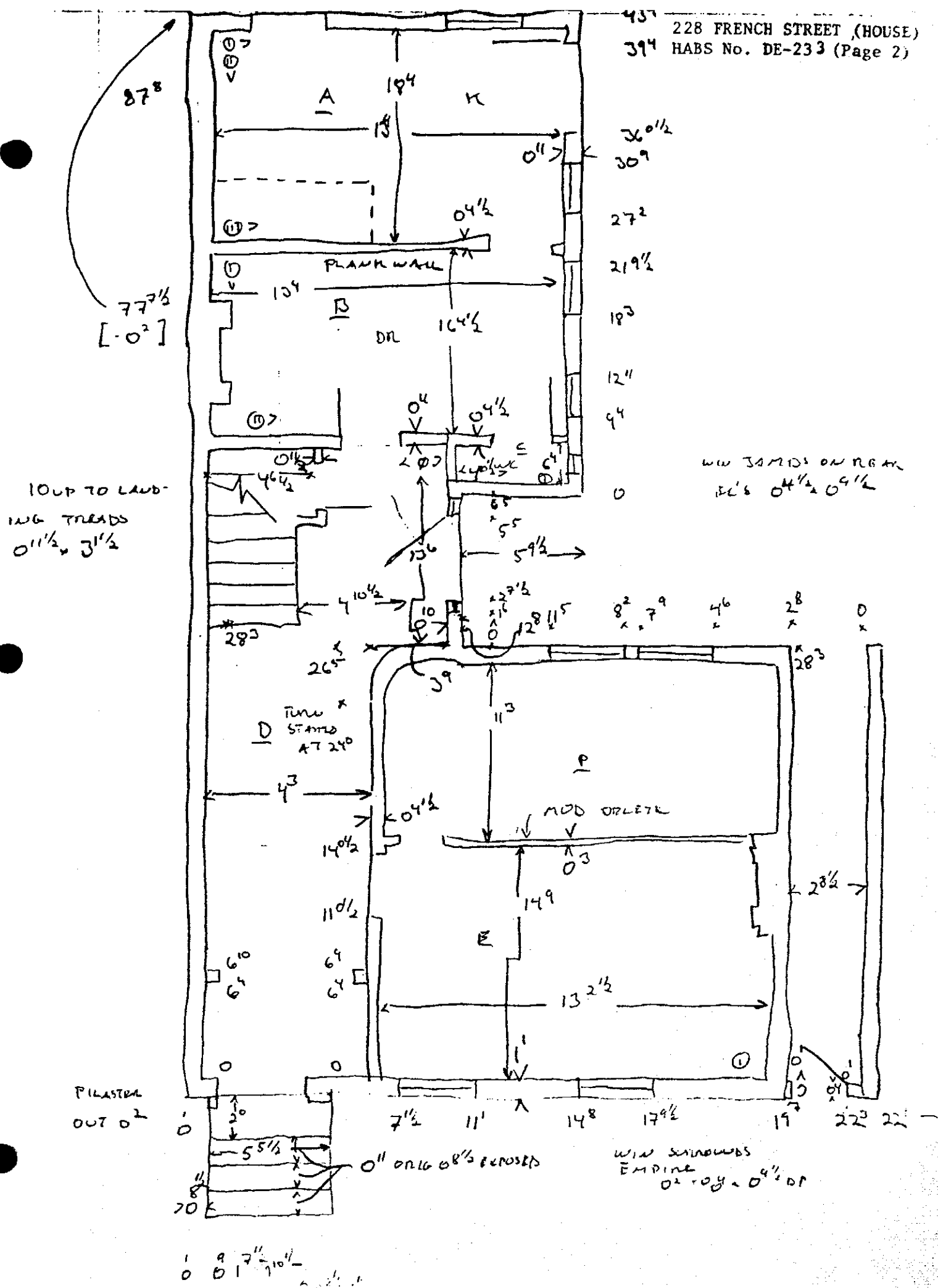
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle County	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Wilmington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 228 French Street, Wilmington, Delaware		HABS NO. DE-233
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 228 French Street Wilmington, Delaware		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1840-1850 (construction; style)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) 228 French Street is a particularly fine example of an early to mid 19th-century urban dwelling in the City of Wilmington. Built as a residence, the house has survived almost completely unaltered into the late 20th century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Urban vernacular using Greek Revival and Second Empire decorative elements		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick: pressed brick flemish bond street elevation; mixed common bond rear and secondary elevations. Common rafter roof with butt nailed rafters.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See attached sketch plan with field notes.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Pressed brick French Street elevation with paneled doorway enframed with flattened pilasters, wrought iron transom and dentil-work cornice; corbelled brick cornice; cut marble door steps and stoop; dressed granite basement window lintels; rear entry doorway with fanlight.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The house is finished on the interior with plaster walls and plain four-panel doors; on the ground floor is a classically inspired mantel with engaged pilasters; in the upper story rooms are plain mantels incorporating late-Federal and Second Empire molding details.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Rear service wing partially gutted by fire on ground floor.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant; deteriorated.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Additional interior trim of note includes a second story chamber over the dining room in the rear ell which is finished with built in bookshelves and closets. The mantels here and in the room below are composed of flattened pilasters supporting a heavy but plain frieze.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Cultural Resource Survey, Delaware Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.		
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AG 2<sup>7</sup>/<sub>2</sub> DR=2<sup>4</sup>, TO WIN 5°, WIN=2<sup>4</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 1°

⑩ 14<sup>10</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, ST SEAM = 0<sup>9</sup>, 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

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B① 4<sup>9</sup> [306 1°] NOTE CPD [0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, DR 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 0 : DP 0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> + 0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> DR]

JAMB 1<sup>4</sup>, MOUTH (SEALED 2<sup>9</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) [306 0<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> FOR RUN] 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

[NOTE PAN CPD IN OTHER JAMB [306 IN 1°] 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

⑫ 4<sup>10</sup>, DR=2<sup>10</sup>, TO W.C. DR 1<sup>10</sup>, DR=2<sup>7</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 1<sup>2</sup>

CP① 0<sup>10</sup>, WIN 1<sup>7</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 3<sup>10</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

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216 DOWNED

214 COLLAPSED

212 HEAVY ALT.

210 GUTTED

208-206 TOTAL CUT

202 - GUTTED

EXCEPT MAIN TURNED

PALUSTENS LLOSD STARK

FROM 2ND TO 3RD FLOES

204 IN ALL.

D FROM 28<sup>3</sup> [306 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>] 8<sup>8</sup> [306 OUT 1<sup>7</sup>] TO DR 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, DR=2<sup>8</sup>, 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
306 TO DR 0<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

E ① 0, TO CIPM PILE 10° [306 1<sup>3</sup>] TO PILE 0<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub> [306 0<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub> PILESTEN]  
[IN 0<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub>] 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SEALED MOUTH 3<sup>2</sup>, 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, [OUT/IN 0<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub>] 0<sup>8</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
PILE FACE, 0<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub> [IN 1<sup>2</sup>] TO WALL 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

✓ PCL=0<sup>8</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

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